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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 522  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the Gibbs Ruritan Club for its  
charitable activities.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those organizations  
that have contributed immeasurably to the enhancement of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Gibbs Ruritan Club, chartered in 1950, is one such noteworthy  
organization which has a long-standing record of meritorious public service; and

WHEREAS, affiliated with the Ruritan National of Dublin, Virginia, the Gibbs Ruritan  
Club has attempted to improve the quality of life for the Gibbs community for the past fifty years;  
and

WHEREAS, the Club contributed to the construction of the original football field at Gibbs  
High School; and owns a 30-acre park, which is leased to Knox County for the benefit of the  
youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, the organization also constructed a clubhouse, a part of which has been  
leased to rural Metro as a fire station, whose presence in the community decreases insurance  
costs; and

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WHEREAS, the Ruritans donate thousands of dollars to needy families and charities in Knox County; and have also awarded scholarships to deserving Gibbs High School students, which is cause for the many awards and honors they have received on their own behalf; and

WHEREAS, several Gibbs Ruritan members have become regional and district officers of the organization, one esteemed member serving as national president; and

WHEREAS, the Ruritans have further assisted the youth of our nation through the establishment of educational funds with the Ruritan Foundation for the Continuation of Education; and

WHEREAS, it is for the noble efforts of the Ruritan Club, whose mission is to be a national organization dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through fellowship, goodwill, and community service, that this legislative body is most thankful; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this body does hereby honor and express its appreciation to the Gibbs Ruritan Club for fifty years of meritorious service to the people of Knox County, and the Gibbs community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.